

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed December 28, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 5, 7-11, 14-18, and 21-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown, et al. ("Brown," U.S. Pat. No. 6,892,201). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is axiomatic that "[a]nticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration." *W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 721 F.2d 1540, 1554, 220 U.S.P.Q. 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). Therefore, every claimed feature of the claimed invention must be represented in the applied reference to constitute a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

In the present case, not every feature of the claimed invention is represented in the Brown reference. Applicant discusses the Brown reference and Applicant's claims in the following.

A. The Brown Disclosure

Brown discloses apparatus and methods for providing access rights information in a portion of a file. Brown, Patent Title. In particular, Brown discloses a system in which a client device may request content from a server using a web browser application and, in response, the server provides *all* requested content along with access rights information

(ARI) to the web browser application. Brown, column 4, lines 7-17. Upon receiving the requested content and the ARI, *the web browser application* parses the content to limit the client's rights in relation to the content as necessary.

As is further disclosed by Brown, the ARI can specify how the quality of an image contained within the content is to be affected, if at all. Brown, column 7, lines 16-23. For example, image quality can be degraded if the user has limited rights in relation to an image. Brown, column 7, line 61 to column 8, line 3.

B. Applicant's Claims

As is noted above, Brown fails to teach several of Applicant's claim limitations. Applicant discusses some of those claim limitations in the following.

Applicant's claims 1, 10, and 17 provide as follows (emphasis added):

1. A method comprising:
 - receiving a request for a document;
 - identifying a source of the request;
 - determining an authorization level associated with the source of the request;
 - determining an authorization level required to view the requested document;
 - if the source of the request is authorized to view the entire requested document, transmitting the requested document to the source of the request; and
 - if the source of the request is not authorized to view the entire requested document, *redacting unauthorized portions of the requested document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions and*

transmitting the redacted version of the requested document to the source of the request.

10. A method comprising:

receiving a document;

determining an authorization level required to view the complete received document;

determining an authorization level associated with a current user;

if the current user is authorized to view the complete received document, displaying the received document; and

if the current user is not authorized to view the complete received document, redacting unauthorized portions of the received document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions and displaying the redacted version of the document.

17. A computer-readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform acts comprising:

identifying a source of a request for a document;

determining an authorization level associated with the source of the request;

determining an authorization level required to view the entire requested document;

if the source of the request is authorized to view the entire requested document, transmitting the requested document to the source of the request; and

if the source of the request is not authorized to view the entire requested document, *redacting unauthorized portions of the requested document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions and*

transmitting the redacted version of the requested document to the source of the request.

Regarding claims 1 and 17, Brown at least does not teach “redacting unauthorized portions of the requested document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions and transmitting the redacted version of the requested document to the source of the request”. As is noted above, Brown’s server makes an authorization determination but transmits an *unredacted version* of a document (i.e., a web page) along with “access rights information” to the client’s browser, which then modifies the unredacted document in accordance with the access rights information using appropriate software code associated with the browser. Accordingly, Brown’s server does not “redact” a document and then “transmit” the redacted document to the requester. Therefore, Brown cannot be said to teach each and every limitation of claims 1 or 17. Claims 1 and 17, and their dependents, are not anticipated by the Brown reference for at least that reason.

Regarding claim 10, Brown at least does not teach “receiving a document”, “determining an authorization level required to view the complete received document”, and “determining an authorization level associated with a current user”. Instead, as is described above, Brown’s *server* determines the authorization level required to view the document (i.e., web page) and the authorization level of the user. Accordingly, the component that “receives” the document, i.e., *the client’s browser*, does *not* perform those functions. Therefore, Brown cannot be said to teach each and every limitation of claim 10. Claim 10 and its dependent are not anticipated by the Brown reference for at least that reason.

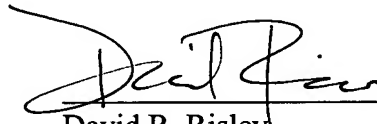
C. Conclusion

Due to the shortcomings of the Brown reference described in the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that Brown does not anticipate Applicant's claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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